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Minden Hills fire chief resigns

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell is resigning.

Schell gave notice to the township last Friday that he will leave his post Oct. 6.

A member of Minden's volunteer fire department for nearly 30 years, Schell became its first paid, full-time chief in 2003.

He told the paper he is ready for a change.

"It's a new career opportunity for me," Schell said of his new job as manager of environmental services and plant operations for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

He said the role draws on some of his previous experience, including home inspections and emergency planning.

"After 28 years, I've really enjoyed helping the community out," Schell said. However, he said being on call 24/7 can also take its toll. He will not be continuing on with the department.

"I'm still going to be helping the community out, just in a different way," he said.

Schell paid tribute to the members of the department.

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A special collection

Kawartha Dairy antique cars and work trucks were on display as part of Don Crowe's dairy memorabilia at Minden Hills Doors Open on Sept. 16 and 17. Crowe, who was the co-owner/operator of the Kawartha Dairy for the past 57 years, died a week before the event. More on page 9. /DARREN LUM Staff

Council to discuss 'mayor' title later this month

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors will discuss changing the title of the head of council from "reeve" to "mayor" at a meeting Sept. 28.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon put a notice of motion on the floor during a Sept. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting that councillors

have a discussion about the title change.

"I wanted to introduce this notice of motion, because I feel the time has come," Anthon said. "It's been discussed for decades and . . . I think we'll have a fuller conversation on that on the 28th."

"Certainly, through the years, some people have said, 'what's your position?' and if you say, 'reeve,' they'll say, 'so who's the

mayor?'"

Anthon, a councillor for Ward 1, was previously the reeve of the Anson, Hindon and Minden, now part of the amalgamated township of Minden Hills.

In July, Algonquin Highlands council passed a motion changing the name of its head of council from "reeve" to "mayor,"

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Minden shows strong support for Terry

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Minden's Terry Fox Run was a "a great success this year," said long-time event organizer Diane Peacock.

The event drew 175 participants and raised \$16,283 (with more to come until the end of March 2018). There was \$2,000 raised from the silent auction alone, she said.

The major contributor to the final tally was the \$3,489 generated through online fundraising, which far surpasses last year's \$880 total. Having the mobile pay system to accept credit cards also helped.

This year's event included a pre-run march by cancer survivors, also known as Terry's Team Members, who wore red Terry Fox shirts.

"It was so great to have as many Terry's Team Members present that we did this year and having the survivors stroll I think got a distinct message across," Peacock said.

This event was dedicated to Highlands residents Gary Chapman, Rick Mansfield and Dolores McGregor, who died from cancer.

Peacock thanked all the participants, the Terry's Team Members and volunteers who attended.

The 2017 Terry's Team Members

Mike Legge, Jeanne Anthon, Darlene Yule, Bill Beers, Victoria Peacock, Rick Radcliff, Laurie Rymer, Ruth Durkin, Sandy Adams, Dick Schell, Ron Nesbitt, Kathy McKelvey-Brown, Jason Peacock, Lisa Schell, Izabel Janca, Winn Taylor, Adele Espina, Rawn Moore, Rosie Kenney, Maggie Broersma, Alice Chambers, Jason T. Curry, Leona Crete, Jean Neville, Bev MacDonald, Marita Bagshaw, Kim Montgomery, Anne Neave, Harry Pieper and Ed Litwin.



Minden Terry Fox organizer Diane Peacock addresses participants, spectators and volunteers, standing with Terry's Team Members (cancer survivors) before the start of the annual run on Sunday, Sept. 17 at the Minden Community Centre. The TTM group marched together, led by a bagpiper before the 10-kilometre run/walk. Minden helped to raise \$16,286 for cancer research and to paid tribute to cancer survivors and those that have died from the disease such as Terry Fox. There were 175 participants who ran, walked and biked the event, which was made possible by 50 volunteers./DARREN LUM Staff



Minden Terry Fox participants and Highlands residents Caitlin Peacock, left, and friend Greg Phippen walk down Bobcaygeon Road, aiming to complete the 10-kilometre course.



Cancer survivor and Terry's Team Member Anne Neave of Bobcaygeon, previously of Minden, warms up.

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Staff levels ‘in good shape’

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“I have full confidence in the personnel of the fire department, as it is,” he said.

Reeve Brent Devolin wished Schell well in his new career. “I’m certainly, on a personal level, saddened, but thankful for the 28 years he’s put in in Minden Hills,” Devolin told the paper. “For Doug and his family, I’m very happy for them.”

The reeve said ever-increasing demands on municipal politicians and staffers can be stressful.

“Those are pretty hot seats to sit in,” he said.

As for what will happen next within the fire department, Devolin pointed out the township has a deputy-chief and a training officer, as well as a building task force for the new Minden Hills fire hall, currently under construction along Highway 35.

“On all those levels, we’re in pretty good shape,” Devolin said. “I don’t think we’re in a position of weakness.”

Whether the township will put out a call for a new fire chief, hire someone from within, etc., is a decision that council will make in the future.

“In the coming weeks and months, we’ll have those discussions,” Devolin said.

Schell’s resignation comes just weeks after Minden Hills councillors approved a performance appraisal policy for the township’s volunteer firefighters, which will see them evaluated every two years by the fire chief.

Council first discussed the concept in June, with members disagreeing about the appropriateness of initiating performance reviews for firefighters.

At a June 8 committee-of-the-whole meeting, at the request of council, Schell had drawn up a report on conducting performance reviews for firefighters. It was Schell’s recommendation at the time that council not proceed with such a process.

“Personally, I don’t see the benefit of this,” Schell told councillors.

“They do give up a lot for the benefit of the community. It’s just adding more stress to the firefighters.”

Council approved the appraisal framework during an Aug. 31 meeting, after some changes to the language in the policy were made, including the addition of a “wellness check” dealing with employee job satisfaction, growth, participation, etc.

‘Mayor’ more understandable

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and its deputy-reeve to “deputy-mayor.”

It was the first of Haliburton County’s four lower-tier municipalities to do so.

The term “reeve” dates back centuries and initially referred to the leaders of rural communities in England.

A number of townships in the vicinity of the county have

adopted the “mayor” title, including Lake of Bays, the Town of Bancroft and the Municipality of Hastings Highlands.

“The reeve and deputy-reeve have been considered people in waiting to be a mayor and a deputy-mayor,” said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

Reeve Brent Devolin, at a conference, was absent from Thursday’s meeting.

Hawk Lake bridge requires replacement

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during Sept. 12 meetings of advisory committees for Haliburton County.

The county hopes to access up to \$1.7 million of top-up funds to help with structural repair on Hawk Lake bridge on County Road 13, through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. Horseshoe Lake Bridge on Cty Road 20 also requires work.

“The two bridges are similar in that they are one-lane, steel truss bridges, both approaching 100 years of age,” reads a report by Craig Douglas, director of public works.

A structural evaluation suggested the Hawk Lake bridge be made a priority for replacement, due to several reasons including that flood water levels rise close to the bottom of the bridge, that larger vehicles can’t access the east side of the bridge and that replacement costs have not been budgeted.

The work could begin in the fall of 2018.

If the application for funding is not approved, load restrictions are a strong possibility.

EMS meeting or exceeding response time targets

From Jan. 1 to June 30, 1,219 calls were attended to by the Haliburton County Paramedic Service with an average re-

sponse time of 11 minutes and eight seconds as recorded by iMedic, a data collection and call-tracking program.

The data shows a total of 56 calls in Algonquin Highlands with an average response time of 18 minutes and 48 seconds, 674 calls in Dysart et al with an average response time of eight minutes and 54 seconds, 245 calls in Minden Hills with an average response time of 10 minutes and 57 seconds, and 96 calls in Highlands East with an average response time of 16 minutes and 58 seconds.

Help Hometown Hockey

Approximately 80 volunteers will be recruited by a local organizing committee helping to bring Rogers Hometown Hockey to Haliburton on Oct. 14 and 15. Organizers are looking for volunteers who are 16 and older to help with a wide variety of tasks.

The event will be hosted by Ron MacLean and Tara Slone, and will include special guests, before an outdoor viewing party of the live Boston Bruins versus the Vegas Golden Knights NHL game.

Haliburton is one of 24 communities across Canada selected to host the two-day hockey festival. Rogers will “Paint the Town Red” for the weekend, with banners decorating selected locations in town.

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St. Paul's lends heavenly hand to Places for People

Places for People vice-chairperson Fay Martin, left, Rev. Joan Cavanaugh of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Places for People chairperson John Rogers, Martha Wait who operates the thrift shop as a full-time volunteer and Places for People treasurer Max Ward came together for a donation ceremony on Friday, Sept. 15 at the St. Paul's Thrift Shop in Minden. On behalf of the thrift shop in Minden, Cavanaugh and Wait presented the \$4,000 cheque to the Places for People representatives. Places for People is a non-profit that helps to secure affordable rental housing for people at risk of homelessness in Haliburton County.

/Photo submitted Fay Martin

Minden parks damaged by flood

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A number of public spaces in Minden were damaged during extreme flooding in May, with anticipated repair costs totalling more than \$230,000.

During a Sept. 14 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting, community services director Mark Coleman told councillors that many of the damaged areas are not simple fixes.

"They involve a lot of money and a lot of work," Coleman said.

Damaged retaining walls along Riverwalk will cost an estimated \$75,000 to repair; separated footings along the municipal boardwalk an estimated \$50,000; damaged retaining walls at Rotary Park will cost an estimated \$50,000; a dock frame and decking that collapsed at the park should cost \$6,000 to replace; and the concrete slab at the picnic shelter will cost about \$500 to fix.

Additionally, the play surface at the playground at Rotary Park was washed out. With the playground some 20 years old and therefore not compliant with upcoming accessibility

standards for play areas, it was Coleman's recommendation the township demolish the existing playground and replace it with a new one.

"The play surface area was not built to standards to begin with," Coleman said, adding that project has been on his department's list for some time. "It was on our radar, prior to the flood, to do this playground."

A restoration estimate of \$50,000 for the playground was included in Coleman's report.

While fencing had been erected around the damaged playground, Coleman told councillors that people have been using it anyway.

Citing the potential danger, council gave approval for the demolition of the playground, and a request for proposals will be issued for the construction of a new one.

Councillors are hoping a new playground will be in place for next summer.

"I don't want to see that sitting dormant like that for another summer," said Councillor Jean Neville.

Staff have toured sites with a claims adjuster and most projects should be covered in part or in whole through the township's insurance policy, subject to a \$50,000 deductible.

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Second man dies in ATV crash in Minden Hills

Within a week of one another, two lives were lost in ATV crashes in Minden Hills during the first half of September.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP report that on Sept. 13, members were called to the scene of an ATV rollover on a logging road near Black River Road.

The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle,

71-year-old Blaine McKay of Scarborough, was pronounced dead at the scene.

An investigation is ongoing.

Another man, 73, was killed in an ATV crash near Hunter Creek Road south of Minden on Friday, Sept. 8. His identity has been withheld pending notification of next of kin.

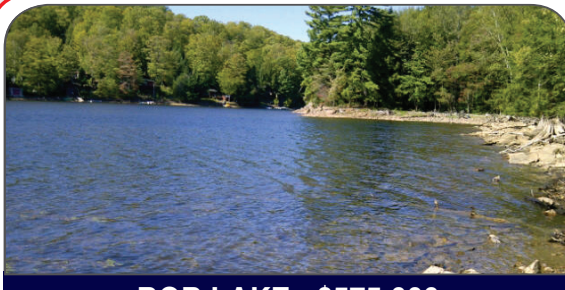


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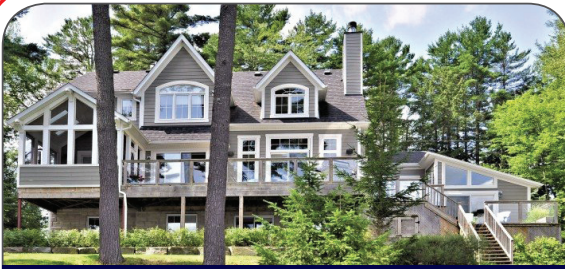


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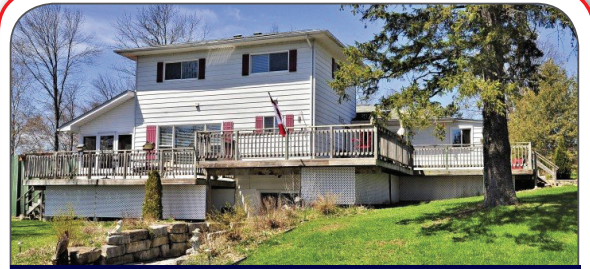
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Thanks, Doug

IT TAKES A certain kind of person to become a volunteer firefighter, a special kind of person.

Someone who not only cares deeply about one's community, but who has the fortitude of character to march into flames to save neighbours' homes, or perhaps neighbours themselves.

In small, rural communities, where the tax base does not often allow for staffed fire departments, volunteer firefighters are essential. One simply has to hope there are enough people willing to step into the fold to keep those communities safe.

Doug Schell has been a member of Minden's fire department for nearly three decades; 28 years to be exact, half of that as chief.

Last week, Schell tendered his resignation to the Township of Minden Hills and in a couple weeks' time, will begin a new job within the community.

He will not carry on with the department.

Twenty-eight years is a lot of calls. It's a lot of fires, a lot of car crashes. It's a lot of missed family occasions and a lot of sleepless nights.

In Minden Hills, there aren't

just fires, but, as we were so astutely reminded by Mother Nature this past spring, also floods. Severe ones.

The chief's role has evolved to include flood preparation, emergency planning and implementation of that planning when flooding occurs.

Schell has witnessed the evolution and modernization of the department itself. He became the township's first

full-time, paid fire chief in 2003 and earlier this year, was part of the groundbreaking for the township's long-awaited new fire hall along Highway 35.

From a media standpoint, Schell has

always been readily available throughout the years, willing to answer whatever questions he can, keeping us all aware of the department's activities. He's also been a fixture at community events, a friendly, recognizable face for residents.

Change is one of life's few constants and something that is often required for growth. Each of us knows innately what is best for ourselves, and for our families.

Thank you, Doug, for your many years of service to your community.

All the best.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter



Along the Rail Trail by Jenn Watt

Old canoes

YESTERDAY, MY brother called me and we started talking about our annual duck hunt – the one we've been attending with other family members for 41 years now.

While we were chatting about the hunt and where the blinds are set up and who is going to hunt with whom on opening day, we also talked about how we are all getting older and do not use our chest waders as much as we used to.

During all this, I could tell he was working on something.

"Are you patching your canoe again?" I asked nervously.

"Yes," he said. "I'm duct taping the outside and going to spray a sealant on the inside."

Perfect, I thought. It will not leak until we need to use it on the way back to the cabin. I'm not being sarcastic either – this is a huge step forward.

This might not seem like a great accomplishment but, believe me, we've come a long way. There was a time when we referred Mart's canoe as "Das Boot." That was the same year when we seriously considered buying him a periscope for Christmas.

Martin has owned that canoe for nearly 20 years now and it has leaked for at least 25 of those – he likes to tell you he got a "deal" on a gently used canoe.

As a result, every year, one of the great joys of opening day is learning that you will not be travelling to and from your blind in Mart's canoe. And, if I'm going to be completely honest, I secretly hope that it sinks in unrecoverable water for good before my turn comes.

Of course, it's OK to think that because anyone travelling in that canoe is fully pre-

pared for that eventuality. We wear personal floatation devices, our cellphones and other electronics are bagged up, our guns are in floating cases. We've left letters to be delivered to our loved ones in case we don't return.

If you are thinking that Mart only brings this canoe because he can't afford another one, think again. He can certainly afford another one. He brings this as a matter of pride. You see this is a cedar and canvas canoe and Mart is a wood worker who believes he can fix just about anything.

That is to say he looks upon the leaks as a challenge. And every year he goes into the repair of the canoe with a kind of optimism that really isn't healthy – least of all for those using the canoe.

If archaeologists ever want a history of commercial sealants, all they need do is autopsy his boat.

The good news is that using a canoe like this is fun on a sweltering hot day and it's also good exercise once you get into the rhythm of paddle-paddle-bail-bail-bail. The other advantage of a canoe like Mart's is that you never have to turn it over if it's going to rain. It's self-draining.

Having said all this, I have come to understand a little about history from paddling this boat. For instance, I now know why no one builds wooden pails any more.

All this is of no consequence to Martin, of course.

That's because I believe that patching up that old canoe is a welcome reminder that the duck season for us is just around the corner. And I must confess that I have kind of grown attached to that old canoe too. It gives me one more reason to wear my chest waders.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Car buyers beware

MOPPING UP THE MESSSES of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma is happening hundreds of miles away but Canadian consumers need to take care that they don't get soaked.

Flood-damaged goods from Texas and Florida can start showing up anytime and anywhere. Quick buck artists already are working to pass off damaged goods to unsuspecting buyers.

The area of greatest concern is the used vehicle market. There are estimates of 500,000 vehicles damaged in Texas, and probably that many again in Florida.

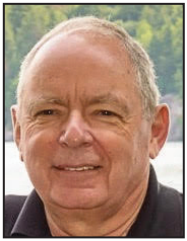
There are legal processes designed to protect buyers from cleaned up, water-damaged vehicles with serious hidden problems. There are unscrupulous people who find ways around the laws and sell flooded vehicles camouflaged as normal used cars or trucks.

A 2014 study by Carfax Inc., an online company supplying vehicle history reports, said that 800,000 vehicles on U.S. roads may have been subject to title washing schemes. A large number of those were autos damaged in floods.

Resale autos must have ownership titles that list a history of damage. Scammers, however, have found ways of altering, or washing, titles.

Flood vehicles often are transported well beyond a flood zone because distant buyers are less likely to think about water-damaged vehicles.

Carfax estimates that historically about one-half of vehicles damaged in flooding are resold. Some have been repaired and the flood damage noted on their titles but many others get sold through scammers.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

"They [scammers] will buy them, they will make them look OK, and sooner or later some unsuspecting party is going to buy one and it will end up being a nightmare," Jim Tolkan, an automotive dealers association president told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* recently.

U.S. used vehicles usually come to Canada for sale through honest dealers. Some might have been flooded and the damage and repairs noted and price adjusted to reflect that. There is a danger that some come through scams.

Here's some advice, gathered from consumer reports and auto mechanics, that might be helpful to anyone considering buying a used auto from the United States. (Or, from Canada for that matter because several regions of the country have had major flooding this year).

It is best to have a used car you are considering inspected by a qualified mechanic. They know the hidden signs of water damage.

Water damage to autos can be much more than stained upholstery and musty odour. Water gets into mechanical systems, lubricants and electronics. Today's vehicles are heavily dependent on delicate electronics that drive computerized systems.

Salt water of course causes corrosion problems that might not show up until months, or even years, later.

Seat mounting screws should be checked to see if they have been removed. Carpets cannot be dried properly without the seats being removed.

Look into difficult-to-clean places – gaps under the hood and between panels in the trunk. There might be mud stains or water lines in spots where they are difficult to remove.

Engines have all sorts of nooks and crannies where mud or stains are missed in a quick cleaning. A light, magnifying glass or mirror on a stick can help in looking for evidence of exposure to water.

There are areas in autos where unpainted screws are used, like under the dashboard. Any unpainted screws will show signs of rust if the vehicle has been submerged.

Drain plugs beneath the car or at the bottom of doors should be checked to see if they have been removed. Plugs are removed to drain flood water from inside the panels.

The reflectors or lenses on headlights and taillights sometimes show slightly visible water lines, solid evidence that the vehicle had been partially submerged.

Thoroughly searching a vehicle's history is an important first step when looking to buy a used car.

There are plenty of online sites offering information about ways to protect yourself from damaged used auto scammers. Sites like Carfax.com and Autocheck.com provide vehicle histories at a cost. Carfax also has a flood damage site (<https://www.carfax.com/press/resources/flooded-cars>) with helpful information.

I know people who have had great luck buying used vehicles exported from the U.S. Like buying anything these days, you just have to be on top of all the ways to protect yourself.

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letters to the editor

Time to be resourceful

To the Editor,

It's about the scarlet runner beans in the boxes on the street in Minden, planted last spring by the ladies of the agricultural society, providing us with red eye-candy all summer. The passing bees, always on the search for pollen, were eager visitors of the lovely blooms too.

Now it is time for harvest: go for a stroll and come home with a handful of scavenged vegetables for supper. We thank the ladies and the ag society for their industry and foresight.

And then there are all the apples falling from trees hereabouts. The volunteers at the Food

Bank kitchen have been making a lifetime supply of apple sauce for the freezer using this abandoned Autumn crop, windfalls picked up and delivered by a crew of self-appointed scavengers, people who live in the community and who have learned the meaning of the word "conservation." We thank them too.

Apparently the world has become a perilous place for humanity – too many people using up too much of what there is. It is time to be resourceful, all of us.

Jenny Thomas
Minden

Dismayed by school board

To The Editor

On reading the *Minden Times* article "Parents frustrated by school board bus policy" published on Sept. 7, I was dismayed to learn of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's policy regarding busing eligibility.

My in-laws currently live on Deep Bay Road and I have travelled it hundreds of times in the last 40 years. I can assure you that if I saw a four-year-old child strolling along the narrow gravel shoulder alone, I would call the police. Regardless of the particular road in question however, the school board's single-minded obsession with kilometres when assessing eligibility is alarming.

Clearly, several other factors should be considered, for instance, the age of the child. It is ridiculous and irresponsible to place the same physical expectations on, and assume the same level of responsibility and decision making skills in a four-year-old leaving home for the first time as a pre-teen approaching adulthood.

As well, the type of road being travelled should be a factor. A street in town with wide sidewalks, crosswalks and low speed limits is not the same as a paved two lane road with narrow, gravel shoulders and a 70 kilometer speed limit. Whoever suggested as an alternative that this

little boy should wade through two kilometres of snow covered fields and forests was obviously being petty, which seems to be a recurring theme in the school board's handling of this situation.

Maybe they have some kind of worker's paradise over at TLDSB, but most people can't just stroll into their boss's office and dictate their hours. As well, not everyone has extended family close by to help out.

It seems incredibly callous and arbitrary for the school board to just wash their hands of any responsibility of this child's, or any child's safety because of 0.4 km. They may not be responsible legally, but as their policy is creating a dangerous and easily avoidable situation, morally, I say the responsibility lies with them.

Clearly they are afraid that it would set a precedent if this child were to be picked up. Good. Cases such as this should be evaluated individually, based on several criteria, with children's safety being paramount.

Isn't providing a safe, easily accessible education to every child the main goal here? Or is it bickering over 0.4 kilometres while a half full bus drives past this little boy's driveway?

Oliver Greer
Minden Hills

Sixty-six days

IN DECEMBER 2016 I closed the fitness studio I had owned and operated for 12 years. For much of that time I was on my feet. It was easy for me to take 20,000 steps in a day between commuting (walking) and working with clients.

In January I stopped moving in that way. In June I realized the change had taken its toll when I put my summer clothes on. My activity had changed, but my eating habits had not. Oh boy. It was time for a big adjustment.

I put myself on a 90-day program of food consumption management. Yes, I could use the term "diet", but often that term means cutting out certain foods. That's not what I did. What I did do was count calories. Every calorie consumed and every calorie expended. I'm at day 68 of the 90-day plan, and I'm thrilled with how things are going. My weight is now less than the goal I had set, and most importantly, my clothing is fitting better than it did in June.

I now believe there is something magical about the 90 day plan. During my Internet surfing over the years I had come across many weight loss/fitness plans that were 90 days. I hadn't paid much attention to the idea until that day in June. I decided that I would design a program for myself based on this time frame. I had nothing to lose – except the extra pounds, or 90 days.

While 90 days seems like a long time I now believe that the beauty lies in that very fact. It's

enough time to adjust. Some studies have shown that it takes 21 days to establish a habit. Other studies say that it takes 66 days to rewire your brain to accepting the new behaviour as part of your life. My experience supports the latter.

It is empowering to make this kind of change. Sure I have bad days where I overeat. Actually, today is one of those days. But I know that I have 22 days to go. That's lots of time to get back on track, and solidify this change in my lifestyle. Interestingly enough this "off day" is feeling like something that is unusual for me. That is a first. In the past, a day like this would result in my throwing in the towel and finishing the bag of potato chips. I have always loved food and eating (I'm pretty sure

I've shared that with you before), but that is really shifting. I may actually be becoming someone who "eats to live" instead of a person who "lives to eat". That will be something to celebrate - with a walk in the park or a movie – not with a chocolate fudge sundae.

To recap – 21 days to form a new habit, 66 days to rewire the brain, and 90 to set it solidly in a lifestyle.

Something to think about.

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Getting the inside story

An Orillia Power Generation Corporation representative, far right, talks about the Minden generating station from within the Art Deco designed building, located on Horseshoe Lake Road in Minden during the Minden Hills Doors Open event held over the weekend from Sept. 16 to 17.



Sue MacDonald owner of Killara Station, with husband Randy, shows people around her 88-hectare farm during the Minden Hills Doors Open. Killara Station offered visitors a chance to learn about the organic farm, Sue Mac Designs (felting, jewellery, wire sculpture, furniture and photography), dog breeding, dog boarding and to see the farm animals.



Walls were filled with milk and creamer bottles, part of Don Crowe's dairy memorabilia during the Minden Hills Doors Open held Sept. 16 to 17. Crowe, who was the co-owner/operator of the Kawartha Dairy for the past 57 years, died a week before the event. His collection included rare milk bottles, antique cars and trucks and advertising signs from the mid-20th century. Hundreds attended, visiting 19 locations around Minden. Doors Open is part of a provincial celebration of community heritage, enabling the public to see a variety of buildings./DARREN LUM Staff



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Finn offers fall art classes

Beth Cook, left, and Ludmila Schulyzki prep their canvasses during the first of eight weeks of art courses at the Finn Artists' Center on Newcastle Street in Minden. Classes are offered Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There is still space for more painters. Finn can be reached at 705-286-0796. The centre, which was part of the Minden Hills Doors Open event last weekend, will host a juried show in late November.
/CHAD INGRAM Staff



Artist Carole Finn, left, is hosting a series of classes at the Finn Artists' Center on Newcastle Street during the fall. A juried show is being scheduled at the centre for late November.



Carole Finn, right, explains to students Beth Cook and Ludmila Shculyzki how canvasses will be prepped for acrylics.

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Seagull problem worsens on Mountain Lake

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Flocks of seagulls continue to wreak havoc on residents of Mountain Lake, and the problem is only getting worse, one resident says.

George Steeves made a delegation to Minden Hills councillors during their Sept. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting, asking the township do something about what he says is a growing seagull population that feasts at the Scotch Line landfill and then heads to nearby Mountain Lake for some rest and relaxation, littering docks, boats, beaches and the lake itself with their feces.

"The gulls at Mountain Lake are directly related to the gulls at the dump," Steeves

said, explaining that if the flock leaves the lake, then its members are over at the landfill eating.

Steeves, who made a similar presentation to councillors some two and half years ago, said while it was once mostly residents at the south end of lake who had to deal with the unwelcome guests, that it's now an issue for half of the lake.

"There are days when you can't swim in Mountain Lake," he said.

He emphasized that he wasn't talking about a few, or even a few dozen birds, but hundreds upon hundreds of them.

Steeves said he was concerned not just about water quality and property values, but also human health, since seagull feces contain a bacteria that can cause respiratory

infections.

He said the area around Mountain Lake also gets littered with chicken bones, garbage bags and other items that have come from the landfill.

"It's no longer an issue where you have a few residents complaining," Steeves said.

He said the solution to the problem was the remediation of the landfill.

In June, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change issued an order that the township remediate the Scotch Line landfill, citing a number of issues including the presence of leachate on the property, and the municipality is working on a 25-year master plan for the site.

Councillors told Steeves they were working on the issue.

"Nobody thinks it's a bunch of people complaining," said Councillor Pam Sayne. "All of us see it as problematic."

"We're trying to help out with this situation," said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

Property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram said a report dealing with the seagull issue would be coming forward at an upcoming meeting.

"It was held back [from today's meeting] because of the reeve and CAO [chief administrative officer] not being here to take that in," Ingram said.

Past staff reports have listed possible solutions for dealing with the seagulls at the landfill, including the use of sound cannons and falconry.

Five blooms for Minden Hills two years in a row

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Sept. 14 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting.

For the second year in a row, Minden Hills township has been awarded five blooms – the highest ranking possible – by Ontario Communities in Bloom.

Communities in Bloom is a not-for-profit organization promoting beautification, environmental sustainability and civic pride.

"The Communities in Bloom program is

not just about plants and flowers," community services director Mark Coleman told councillors.

Judges visited Minden Hills during the summer and results were released during an awards ceremony in Lambton Shores on Sept. 9. The township also received a special mention for community involvement.

LKO wary of short-term rentals

The Lake Kashagawigamog Organization

sent a letter to Minden Hills, expressing its displeasure with the proliferation of short-term cottage rentals on the popular lake.

"Our concern with this is two-fold," reads correspondence from organization president Gary Wiles. "Firstly, the potential for over-capacity use of the septic systems that were installed for private family dwellings not rental units and secondly, improper shoreline alterations to make the units more renter friendly. Many of these cottages, most of which are two- to four-bedroom units, are being advertised on cottage rental sites as having capacities of 12 to 18 people. It appears this practice started many years ago with renting out their cottage for a couple

of weeks to help with expenses but has now morphed into many cottages on the lake existing solely for the rental income potential. We believe that most people are unaware of the bylaws and of the risk to the lakefront environment and that a public education program should be considered by both municipal councils [Minden Hills and Dysart et al] on our lake. If this is allowed to continue unchecked, with immensely popular sites like Airbnb in the game, the potential detrimental effects on lake health will be difficult if not impossible to reverse."

Some municipalities in Ontario are creating politics for the licensing and monitoring of short-term rentals.

Savage waits for court date

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

A pre-trial court date for William Savage, who is accused with the first-degree murder of Bowmanville man David Palmer, was rescheduled to Sept. 27 from Sept. 13 on Sept. 1.

The *Minden Times* was told by a representative of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) in May that a preliminary hearing was set for Savage, but an email on Sept. 14 corrected that information.

"Please note that you were previously advised in error that the court date of Sept. 13, 2017 was for a preliminary hearing," wrote the MAG representative. "That was inaccurate, as this matter was set for a pre-

trial. There are no preliminary hearing dates scheduled."

Savage, from Fenelon Falls, was charged with first-degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016, in connection with the death of Palmer, a 47-year-old man whose remains were found in the Haliburton area in May, 2015. As of July 18, he had made nine appearances in court by video and three appearances in person since Oct. 27, 2016. He is incarcerated at an undisclosed location.

At the time of the arrest, OPP confirmed that Savage and Palmer were known to each other. Palmer was last seen on Oct. 2, 2015, outside of Pontypool and his vehicle was found on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail.

-With files from Angelica Ingram

Police charge man in July motorcycle crash

A 38-year-old man from Hastings Highlands has been charged with careless driving following a serious collision in July.

Two people died and two received life-threatening injuries.

On Saturday, July 15, Haliburton Highlands OPP was called to a multi-vehicle collision on Highway 118 between Trappers Trail and Essonville Line in Highlands East.

The OPP's investigation found that an eastbound vehicle "crossed the centre line and collided with four of seven motorcycles travelling westbound on Highway 118." The

driver sustained minor injuries.

"The deceased riders of the motorcycles were identified as 52-year-old George Eliadis and 42-year-old Shari Williams both from Uxbridge, Ont.," police said in a press release.

Police have charged the Hastings Highlands man with careless driving, driving without a licence and driving without a validated permit.

He is scheduled to appear in the Provincial Offences Court in Lindsay on Nov. 2.


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Putting Haliburton County on the LiDAR map

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

LiDAR is coming to Haliburton County, one way or another.

The county was presented with a comprehensive look at the cost of LiDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging, a technology that uses a laser-based system to produce very detailed topographical images, by director of planning Charley White on Sept. 12.

LiDAR would be used to take height measurements from the ground and elevation above the sea level and water level for select lakes and rivers within Gull River and Burnt River watersheds, creating updated flood plain mapping. Consultants hired by the county would obtain the LiDAR mapping data, then process it, turning it into actual mapping and flood mitigation plans.

“We actually get the assessment of what the flows are from each lake, within each basin, how they move through the rivers and what the impact is.”

— CHARLEY WHITE

The data would never expire.

“Specifically, the information would lead to new flood mapping as well as flood mitigation and preparation plans to help alleviate and/or reduce property damage, infrastructure damage, as well as provide information to each of the local municipalities for when you’re doing infrastructure upgrades in the near or distant future,” said White. “Some other information that I’ve obtained is the usefulness in having it turned into hydrologic studies, so we actually get the assessment of what the flows are from each lake, within each basin, how they move through the rivers and what the impact is, and what the impact is when we have, say, 10 mm of rain versus 70 mm of rain, plus snow melt, to actually come up with what that flood would look like in our area.”

After much research, and discussion with experts, White presented several options for the county to choose from in applying for funding through the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) funding application. Option A would see the LiDAR mapping done in two rounds, first for the Lower Gull at a cost of \$531,820, and later in the Upper Gull and Burnt River, at a cost of \$641,690 for a total cost of \$1,173,510. Option B would see the LiDAR just done on the Gull at a cost of \$1,050,140, and Option C would see it done for the Burnt River at a cost of \$514,870. Option D offered LiDAR for both the Gull and Burnt watersheds for the total cost of \$1,173,510. The NDMP funding could potentially cover half of the expenses of the project.

White recommended Option A, largely for reasons of cost. She noted that LiDAR

doesn’t go through water, and so in this area, it would be best to fly the LiDAR starting in the fall of 2018 when water levels are low and leaves are off of trees.

“Once the data is collected it will need to be processed,” White told the paper. “All of that will be completed for both watersheds under this round of funding if approved. What happens next is the surveying, engineering, hydrology, and other detailed work to create the model and mapping for each watershed. It is intensive work which, due to the project area, is not possible to be completed in the timeframe set out by this funding window. Therefore it was recommended that the Gull River Watershed from Hwy 118 south be completed.”

With LiDAR completed, White said the upper Gull River watershed and Burnt River watershed could be completed at a later date, with additional funding available at that time.

“I know it’s an awfully big chunk to bite off, but I think we’re kind of behind the eight ball,” said Liz Danielsen, deputy-mayor of Algonquin Highlands. “This should have been done ... it would have been so helpful to have this information in place years ago. And I personally would like to see us go for the whole thing.”

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts asked what could be done with the information obtained in the LiDAR project.

“Once we take this data and convert it into a mapping product, what we can look at it is say, OK, we have X metres of snow currently on the ground, our temperature is going up to this temperature, we have 30 ml of rain coming and it can show you where that water’s going to come, so emer-

gency management preparedness, local or county councils could have people move out of those areas, increase sand bags, co-ordinate emergency services, and the mapping could be used in future planning of those areas to know where those flooded areas actually are,” said White.

Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin said the mapping would also help in other areas, such as the management of dams.

“They’ll be able to run some of the ‘what ifs’ in developing and designing those,” he said. “It’s just a much, much more accurate tool for all kinds of purposes. In the end, I make this statement, it will be done eventually for the whole watershed.”

“How close are the TSW going to follow this when it comes to managing it?” asked Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who said he appreciated the project.

“I think past actions are good predictors of future intentions,” said Devolin. “I would say they’ve already started to make some movement with some of this kind of data. They’re encouraging their bosses that this is necessary and required, for them with the TSW, for the MNRF to manage what they’re doing, for the municipalities – they know a more precise tool improves benefits.”

Council voted for Option A, and all agreed to have LiDAR mapping completed for the full watershed.

“Our absolute intention is to do it all, but we’ll compartmentalize it,” said Devolin.

The project would have to begin by March 31, 2019 and be completed by the end of March 31, 2020.

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Where: Haliburton high school athletic field
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Community Lunch

When: Friday, Sept. 22 from 11:30 to 1:30
Where: Lloyd Watson Center
The Highlands East Community Cooks will be hosting their next Community Lunch in Wilberforce on Friday, Sep. 22 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Lloyd Watson Center. The special guest at the lunch will be MPP Laurie Scott. All donations received of food items or cash will benefit the Wilberforce and Cardiff Food Banks. Come and have lunch with your MPP!

Haliburton County Historical Society- Harvest Pork Roast Dinner

When: Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, 5:30 pm
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\$25.00 (fundraiser)
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Literary Arts Roundtable

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Where: Red Umbrella Inn, 1075 Red Umbrella Rd., Minden Hills
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Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Sept. 27, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
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When: Tuesday, Oct. 3, 9 am to 5 pm
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
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The Red Hawks varsity field hockey team works through a drill in pre-season practice on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks, who will most likely only host one regular season game this season are looking to repeat as COSSA champs after going undefeated in the Kawartha High School Field Hockey League. /DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks look to repeat as COSSA champs

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Nothing is different this season for the Red Hawks as far as expectations go.

Despite the Red Hawks field hockey program only fielding one varsity team this season, the team is looking to defend its COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) crown.

Coach Steve Smith is well aware of how the Hawks have perennially been a team to beat in the Kawartha High School Field Hockey League.

“My expectations never change. I always want the same going forward. I tell the girls everybody is coming for you because of last year’s results,” he said. “The results will be left up to the girls. I always tell them if you win it’s all you and if you lose it’s on me (obviously, I haven’t taught them something).”

Last year the varsity A team earned a shot at the provincial title with a 3-2 win over their rivals, the North Hastings High School Huskies of Bancroft in the COSSA final in Peterborough. The team also finished with an undefeated Kawartha High School Field Hockey season.

With 23 players (as of last week) for two teams, the program’s returning coach Smith decided to enter the lone team. “It means I’ll have fresh bodies ready to go so we will run. A lot. So when we are playing we will do a lot of changes and make sure everybody gets some playing time. As we move along on the season we’ll see how everyone develops,” he said.

HHSS golf team in third place

After Round 1 of the Kawartha West Golf Championships, the HHSS golf team (Sam Longo, Nolan Flood, Owen Patterson-Smith, Ryan Prentice, Devyn Prentice, and Aiden Neave) sits in a respectable third place. Congrats to Sam Longo with a sparkling round of 80 for a current placement of fourth as an individual, Nolan Flood who has a legitimate chance of qualifying for the Kawarthas, and to Ryan Prentice for a courageous effort and breaking 100.

-Submitted by Judi Paul

He admits there will be learning process when players replace teammates. Players will be learning positions rather than replacing any one player to alleviate the challenge of the frequent changes.

Smith was the coach for the varsity A and varsity B teams last year.

The coaching staff includes Jessica Lloyd, who has been a coach the past few years.

In high school sports there are always roster changes to consider.

For this year’s field hockey squad there will be eight players not returning.

This includes goalkeeper Sonya Flatman and players, Kennal Marsden, Jamie Little, Erin Little, Emily Glecoff, Rebecca Hamilton, Jenna Hughes and Hannah Klose.

There are seven from the core group of veterans returning, which includes Abby Gordon, Ali Paul, Emma Scheffee, Emily Klose, Claire Karaguesian, Kendra Anderson and Maddie Allaire.

Smith adds these older players mentor the younger players, enhancing their skill development.

Unlike the past few years when the Hawks were assured of an experienced goalkeeper, this year there are two new entirely faces. Since goalkeeper Flatman graduated, the program was without a goalie. Grade 9 student Danaya MacDuff and Grade 11 student Denniella Rivard have voluntarily stepped in between the pipes for the varsity team. Both of them are field hockey rookies. However both are athletic and have ice hockey experience. Rivard has 12 years of experience playing net in the county league hockey league while MacDuff played defence.

Smith said the Hawks remain the only school that will host a game on grass this season. The Peterborough schools are expected to have their games at either Fleming College or Trent University.

“Our girls are at a disadvantage because of being on grass all the time. We’ll go and practice in the gym and ... that’s not quite the same, but it is the closest thing I’ve got here,” he said.

With the exception of one regular season home game expected, the team will likely have just one home game.

He adds the team will strive to play each game hard, working to execute and score.

“The goal never changes. Be aggressive on the field. Score goals. Don’t let them score on you. We’ll see what the end result is. Going to COSSA is always important for the girls,” he said. “OFSAA is a bonus.”

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Peer help

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Monarchs

The Minden Monarchs are in full gear. This week, reports came in from both Bantam squads and 'Game of the week'.

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Quiet hunting season so far in Highlands

by Andy Holloway

The first week of the deer hunting season in the Haliburton Highlands was relatively quiet say Minden OPP and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Normally the start of the deer hunt is filled with incidents like lost hunters, poached deer and shooting accidents. But like last year, the number of hunters staying in the area is down, which is a reason why there are fewer incidents.

MNR Conservation Officer Dave Ferguson says a large number of hunters are staying home because the economy has not recovered enough for them to take the time off work. As a result, local residents are still out there, but there are few visitors.

"There are still the local hunters, but we've checked their regular haunts and there haven't been any problems," says Ferguson.

MNR Area Supervisor Bill Hudson says a few charges have been laid, but it has been "relatively quiet so far." Charges have been laid mostly against people taking deer without their tags present and for driving all-terrain vehicles with loaded firearms on board. When driving, guns can not be loaded. There have been a few hunters trespassing, but it has not been a major problem.

There have been at least two deer cows illegally killed, but charges have not yet been laid in either incident, says Ferguson. In one incident in Harcourt, six people watched while a cow was shot, but details of the hunter are sketchy.

Some people mistake a cow for a calf and shoot the deer by accident, but some see an easy target and fire without first checking to make sure it is a buck.

Minden OPP Sergeant Art Goad also reports few incidents involving hunters during the last week. One man became lost last Sunday, but was found by his hunting party the next day.

Three weeks ago, however, three moose were poached in Lutterworth Township and police are still investigating.

Drug awareness week plans ready

On Friday at 7 p.m., the opening ceremonies for Drug Awareness week in the Highlands take place at Hart Lodge. The event kicks off a series of activities organized by the Haliburton County Community Action Group.

Turn to pages 2 and 18 for more stories on drug awareness.



First time Kawartha win for seniors

by Andy Holloway

PETERBOROUGH - It has been a long time coming, but for the first time ever the Haliburton Highlands senior Redmen football team has won the Kawartha Finals.

The Redmen finally cracked Peterborough's stranglehold on the Kawarthas and beat the Kenner Collegiate Rams 29-15 last Friday to move on to the Central Ontario Championships.

"It's starting to sink in to me," said long time coach Gary Brohman on Sunday. "It's just a fantasy."

In keeping with football tradition Brohman was doused by one of his players with a water bottle after the game, but he didn't seem to mind the mini-drenching one bit.

Kenner had made the champion-

ship by upsetting the Crestwood Mustangs who appear in the Metro Bowl this week. The Redmen made mince meat of their Kawartha West opposition and had not faced a good team all year.

But the key performer for the Redmen was once again tailback Andy Bacon. Bacon ran for 240 yards on 26 carries and scored two rushing touchdowns. Bacon proved to be so elusive he had to change sweaters at half time because the Rams had shredded his first one trying to grab him. Despite his impressive rushing numbers, it was a punt return by Bacon that set the tone for the day. Bacon fielded a punt on his five yard line and ran right up the middle of the Rams' defenders for a 105 yard touchdown return.

That touchdown made the score 13-0 midway through the second quarter.

With a two point convert run by quarterback Jay Hughes the Redmen had a 15 point lead.

"There's no question he was the difference in the game," Brohman said of Bacon. Bacon had also scored the first touchdown of the game on the Redmen's first possession. The early game plan was simple; give the ball to Bacon all the time. The drive was capped off by a four yard TD run.

After falling behind 15-0, the Rams finally put some points on the board. Operating from the shotgun and relying almost exclusively on the passing game, the Rams started at their own 50 yard line and scored on a reverse. The convert was good and was the last play of the half.

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The third annual TD Tree Planting Day had ideal conditions. The event provides an example for other communities on ways to improve the environment.

Decoration service honours veterans



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What a beautiful September afternoon we had on the 17th, for our decoration service. To see the sunshine and feel the heat, and see the white crosses scattered through out the Minden cemetery. Our president Jim Ross ordered the Colours, led by Piper Fraser MacDonald carefully watched over by acting sergeant-at-arms Jim McKinnon. *The Last Post* and *Reveille* was bugled by Lori Reddering. The Honour Roll was read by our Reeve Brent Devolin. Our Padre Joan Cavanaugh delivered a thoughtful message. Readings were done by our beloved past padre Tim Sharpe, Max Ward and stand-in Francine Newton. Two hymns were sung under the direction of Joan Cavanaugh and Max Ward. Thank you all for attending, but it was shame so many of our residents missed this important tribute to our veterans.

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Coming Events- Karaoke with Fred and Linda, Sept. 22 featuring '50s and '60s music 7:30 to 11 p.m. Highlands Trio 4 to 7 p.m., Sept. 23. Food available. Due to a special event, there will be no meat draw to-day. On Sept. 30 from 8 to 11 p.m. Zoe Chilco will entertain as part of The Jumpin Jazz Trio. Tickets are available at the bar, or at Canoe FM. Tuesday morning art classes have resumed for the fall.



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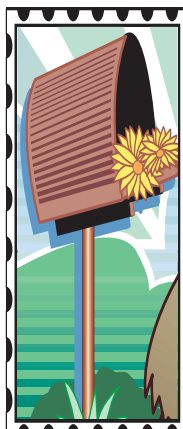
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Off Road Motorcyclists will be on the trail between Kinmount (Boundary Rd) to Richie Falls during the hours of 9 am to 3 pm. The use of the trail is for transit purposes only, with a controlled speed; the participants will be intermittent and dispersed. Course organizers may be on the trail with street legal motorcycles September 21st - 22nd to set up the course.



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Pictured above is Margaret Fletcher of Minden Celebrating her 95th birthday on September 8th at Heather Lodge. Margaret enjoyed a fantastic dinner overlooking Twelve Mile Lake Surrounded by family and friends.

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640 IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of
Lisa Diane Allison
who passed away so suddenly just one year ago.

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Geraldine Coumbs
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Thursday evening, September 14, 2017 in her 56th year. Beloved wife of Gregory Coumbs. Cherished daughter of Mary McNeil and the late Merreit McNeil. Loving mother of Crystal (Tim Robinson) and Stacey (David Swanton). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Madison and Layne. Dear sister of John, Reta, Wanda-Lee, and Roy. Predeceased by her brother Merreit Jr. Geraldine worked at Extendicare - Haliburton for over 17 years. She enjoyed caring for the elderly and enjoyed long walks on the beach, shopping and most of all spending time with her family.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday morning, September 19, 2017 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers or Sick Kids Foundation - Cancer Genetics Program would be appreciated by the family.

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Donald Johnston
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Friday evening, September 15, 2017 in his 92nd year. Beloved son of the late Sidney and Jessie Johnston (nee Pope). Loving brother of Doris (Doug) and Bill (Jane). Predeceased by his brother Jack (Sandra). Also lovingly remembered by his nieces Ann (Doug), Peggy, Tamara (Barry), his nephew Mark (Stephanie) and by his great nieces and nephews. Don was a Veteran of WW11. He worked for Wallings Dairy for over 20 years and was the Manager of the Arena for many years, the Curling Rink and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton. Don was co-founder with Earl Cooper of the Haliburton Pipe Band.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday morning, September 21, 2017 for Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton would be appreciated by the family.

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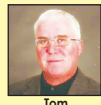


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Women

High Average Chris Cote 179
High Single Chris Cote 243
High Single H/C Chris Cote 289
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Friday, Sept. 15

Ladies

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High single. Clara Vuksic. 1838
High triple. Clara Vuksic 507.
High single hncp. Bev Alexander. 243
High triple hncp. Bev Alexander

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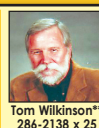
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